

**Health & Family Committee
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Karen Washinawatok called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Those present: Jerry Waukau, Betty Jo Wozniak, Shannon Wilber and Betty Gray. Duane Waukau and Mary Husby were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Yvonne Waukau, Frieda Bergeon and Joyce Kotschi.

2. Moment of Silence-Chairperson Washinawatok said a prayer.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2005-

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to table. Motion was seconded by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Health Administrator's Report/J. Waukau-

Tab #1 – Executive Session-Dental Reinstatements

Motion made by Shannon Wilber to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to come out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to reinstate patients #3600, #1562 and #16066 with the proviso that they follow the procedure and in the event that they break another appointment without sufficient notice that they will lose their dental privileges for six months. Motion was seconded by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Tab #2 – Policy & Procedure Manual Updates-

Jerry Waukau went over the Medical Services manual with the committee and the committee didn't have any questions.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to approve the policy & procedure manual update for Medical Services as presented. Motion was seconded by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Tab #3 – Contract Health Service-Projected Spending Report & Needs Statement-
Jerry explained that Contract Health Services is experiencing a shortfall of \$1,000,000 and the money needs to be transferred from the Clinic Reserve funds.

Jerry included a list of Priority 1 services and committee members wanted to know if some of the problems could have been taken care of before they reach the Priority 1 status. Jerry stated that some of the conditions probably could have been taken care of sooner but because of the budget situation the clinic must remain on Priority 1 status. Committee members wanted to know if there are any grants out there that he can apply for as far as preventative care. Jerry stated that the clinic is already utilizing grants to help people with diabetes and to quit smoking but there isn't any grants out there to pay for medical treatments.

Committee members also talked about the Tribe taxing alcohol and that the revenue accrued from that should be used for alcohol treatment/prevention and medical/health treatments.

Committee and/or Tribe needs to come up with another source of income to cover the medical needs. Jerry stated that all it takes is for one person without insurance to get into a car accident or something and that could cost the Contract Health budget thousands of dollars.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the 3rd Party replacement ledger 159 to the consolidated HIS/3rd party budget (ledger 308) to meet the projected Contract Health Service shortfalls. Motion was seconded by Betty Gray. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Tab #4 – The Rehmann Group

Jerry informed the committee that Tribal Chairman Michael Chapman asked him to look into The Rehmann Group who are Health Care Management Advisors. Jerry had a consultant look into the issue and the discount they were offering and the consultant informed Jerry that the 15% discount they receive at Shawano Medical Center is the best he can get from anywhere.

Jerry stated that the issue is informational and he wanted the Chairman to know that he did look into it.

Tab #5 – Incident Report and Trend

Jerry informed the committee that this item is informational. Committee members reviewed the report from Gary Schuettpelz. No action was taken.

5. Discuss/Action CBRF Bill Issue-

A tribal member wrote a letter to the committee on behalf of her mother and another relative who temporarily stayed at the CBRF after discharge from the hospital. One bill was for \$1400 and the other bill was for \$800. Both of the bills are from tribal members who are elders on fixed incomes and they are worried about how they are going to pay for the bills.

Joyce Kotschi, Aging Director stated that when people are admitted to CBRF they are informed on the cost of staying there and there is usually an admittance agreement. Joyce stated that when tribal members are admitted to the CBRF they think it's free but it cost \$50 per day. Since most people can't afford that what happens is that an admittance agreement is signed and when they get their monthly checks it is turned over to the CBRF for payment for staying there except for \$75 that is given to the resident for any thing they need to buy.

The tribal member who wrote the letter asked that the Menominee Tribal Legislature pay the bills. Betty Jo stated that the tribe already gives the CBRF money and the services were already given to the two tribal members. Committee members suggested that Joyce send the two tribal members a letter saying that their bills will be forgiven this time but in the future if they need to stay there they will have to show proof of income and turn over their checks like all the rest of the residents do.

Shannon Wilber was excused at 2:00 p.m.

Committee members would also like to make sure that Joyce has a written procedure in place.

6. Aging Division Director Presentation-

Joyce gave the committee a presentation on what her department does and needs. Joyce mainly talked about the Community Based Personal Care Worker Program and how the criteria for services were broad and vague. Joyce gave the committee a list of recommendations and most of them talked about guidelines. Committee stated that in order to get the recommendations passed by the Menominee Tribal Legislature she needs to bring back some drafts for the committee to review.

Committee will discuss the issue at future meetings.

7. GAP Update-

Wayne Pecore was present and informed the committee that there aren't any new updates. He is still waiting for his BIA money to come in. Committee members

suggested that Wayne speak to Administration and have them keep bugging the BIA until the money is sent. Wayne will keep the committee informed.

8. Recreation Plan-

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to table. Motion was seconded by Betty Gray. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

9. Elder Health Plan-

Chairperson Washinawatok asked everyone to look at the recommendations from everyone and will see if all the information was turned over to Brian Kowalkowski or not.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to table. Motion was seconded by Betty Gray. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

10. Review Monthly Reports-

Committee reviewed the monthly reports, no action was taken.

11. Other Business-

Betty Jo just wanted to inform the committee that she submitted an application for a grant for Family Wellness Drug Court. It's a three year grant for just under \$500,000.

12. Adjournment-

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Betty Gray. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services